

Smart meter Shut- off experience – Milt and Joan Johnson

We have been writing DTE, the MPSC, and our legislators for years explaining that we do NOT want a "Smart Meter on our home because of:

1. Illness: have breast cancer, high blood pressure and Atrial Fibrillation.
2. The 4th Amendment to the Constitution ensures us that our home cannot be invaded and we should be secure in our home. If you can't go home where do you go?
3. Privacy of our information. A DTE employee has been heard saying they make more money selling our personal information than by selling energy.

We received 2 shut-off notices in 2017. One on March 30, 2017 stating that 'safety is our #1 priority and we must have a new approved DTE Energy meter installed" and if we wanted an "Opt-out meter" we would pay \$67.20 for something we do not want plus \$9.80 per month thereafter. We cannot keep our trouble free analog meter that doesn't make us sick.

The second notice came October 10, 2017 that our service was scheduled for disconnection on or after October 23, 2017.

Joan was gone to Doctor and therapy in Lansing when a subcontractor arrived on October 26, 2017 about 1:00pm to replace our analog meter. Milt said "No, we do not want one." 2 hours later, three trucks appeared and the DTE employee threatened to cut off the electricity at the pole with the cherry picker if he didn't take something. Seeing winter coming, Milt took the Opt-out meter thinking it would be the better of the bad options. (We met a 92 year old lady who's electricity was cut off and have been praying she didn't freeze to death with the cold weather we've had.)

When Joan got home, she immediately knew there was a new meter. The Opt-Out Meter is not radiation free. It is still sending out radiation and dirty energy through the house. Joan immediately got strong pounding in the head, confusion – can't think or concentrate – and her blood pressure went to 270/ 120. The cancer treatment had made the tumors soft and reducing in size but within hours of being in the radiation, the tumors stiffened and have not changed since. Within 3 days, Joan had an Afib attack. The next night she almost had another attack but went quickly to the living room as far away from the meter as possible and it stopped. Joan had to sleep many nights on the living room couch as Milt tried to find ways to close off the meter.

He tried screen materiel around the meter with grounding. Then he put 4' X 8' of screen on the inside wall by the meter – in our bedroom. Not until he grounded it (almost starting a fire) did any relief occur, but not enough to stop the pounding. Milt bought Stetzer Filters and a meter to check Energy levels at outlets. He realized they only filtered one frequency. Finally he bought a good Power Perfect Box filter which filters 6 frequencies with a breaker and works on 120 and 240 and is installed in the circuit box on the house.

Cost for all this: \$850.00 for Power Perfect Filter
400.00 installation
250.00 Stetzer filters and meter – still have and using.
20.00 for screens and grounding.
67.20 for the meter that still send out radiation
9. 80 monthly meter charge
\$1,647.00 taken to pay for a harmful object we don't want at Christmas/end of year

Joan is able to sleep and has only small pounding in the head. She can concentrate. Yet we don't know if there is some other frequency that we aren't feeling yet but is causing harm. We know that being near a radiation source makes one increasingly sensitive. Her hair dryer makes her heart start pounding. We have gotten a new land line telephone and turn off other sources of radiation as much as possible.

We need a true alternative to dangerous electrical meters. We need House Bill 4220 to pass giving us an analog meter option. All the electric companies want with the new meters is to invade our homes to get our private information to sell to the highest bidder. This is unconstitutional. The old analog meters worked very well for many years.

Pass HB 4220.

Sincerely,
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